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FOR DHEW/PHS/OIH AND NIH-FIC:
DR. MORRIS T. JONES AND CDC-MR. NAJJAR

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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/NIH-NEW HEALTH RESEARCH PROPOSALS

1. SCICOUN INFORMALLY LEARNED FROM THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF
MEDICAL RESEARCH THAT THEIR HEALTH SCREENING COMMITTEE MET ON
JUNE 29 AND HAS CLEARED THE FOLLOWING THREE SFCP
RESEARCH PROJECTS:

A) ORAL CANCER AND PRECANCEROUS LESIONS IN RURAL
INDIAN POPULATION (01-22-N AMENDMENT NO.4) DR. FALI
MEHTA, BOMBAY.

B) RADIO ACTIVE LABELLING OF M. LEPRAE - DR. N.H. ANTIA,
BOMBAY.

C) HLA TYPING AND LEPROSY - DR. DESIKAN, AGRA

THEY ARE NOW BEING REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR FURTHER
CLEARANCE. WE HOPE TO RECEIVE THESE RESEARCH PROPOSALS AT
THE EMBASSY WITHIN A FEW WEEKS FROM THE MOF.

2. DR. GOPALAN HAS SIGNED THE ADMINISTRATIVE
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AGREEMENT "IMMUNOLOGIC AND CLINICAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN
FILARIASIS" BETWEEN THE NIH AND THE ICMR. DR. FRANKLIN
NEVA, NIH, DR. ERIC OTTESEN NIH, DR. S.P.
TRIPATHY, ICMR TB CHEMOTHERAPHY CENTRE, AND DR.
V.K. THIRUVENGADAM, MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE, MADRAS
WILL BE THE COLLABORATING SCIENTISTS. THE PROJECT IS TO BE A
"NO COST" AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH EACH SIDE WILL BEAR ITS

OWN EXPENSES. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH "NO COST" TYPE OF AGREEMENTS WILL
PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN US-INDIAN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH
PROGRAMS AND SUPPLEMENT THE TRADITIONAL SFC PROJECTS.

FOR CDC, ATLANTA, GA.

3. THE CDC PROPOSAL ON "MICROBIOLOGICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR
FOODS" WAS NOT REVIEWED BY THE ICMR SCREENING COMMITTEE
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH SO FAR HAS
NOT IDENTIFIED THE GOI INSTITUTION TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
CONDUCTING THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON MICOBIOLOGICAL
SPECIFICATIONS FOR FOODS". AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO
RESOLVE THIS ISSUE SO THAT THE PROJECT CAN BE CLEARED.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CDC, ATLANTA, GA.

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